

Procedures for Appointment for Vacancy to Tribal Council

PURPOSE

The Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal Council hereby establishes a standard method to fill a declared vacancy on the Tribal Council by virtue of appointment in accordance with the Constitution Article XIII Section (F): "When a vacancy occurs in the Tribal Council, the Tribal Council shall appoint a Tribal member who meets all of the qualifications in Article VII (H) to fill the balance of the unexpired term."

(H). Qualifications

1. Members of the Tribal Council shall be Little Traverse Bands of Odawa Indians members at least eighteen (18) years of age.
2. No person shall be sworn in as a Tribal Council member if he or she is employed by the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Tribal government, as described in Article XV (A)(2).
3. No person shall serve as a Tribal Council member within seven (7) years of completion of a sentence or probation upon being convicted of a felony, unless such conviction has been vacated or overturned.

Selection Process to Fill the Vacancy:

1. The Legislative Leader shall call for a motion at a regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting to post the vacancy for a time not to exceed the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting.
2. A request for Letters of Interest shall be posted, on the Tribal website and government building.
3. The candidate shall submit a copy of his/her the Tribal Identification card attached to their letter of interest.
4. Candidate interviews will be held at the Tribal Council Work Session one day prior to the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting where the appointment process shall proceed.
5. At the Tribal Council meeting, the Recording Secretary shall make a typed ballot with a list of the names of each candidate and provide a copy

to each Tribal Council member.

6. All Tribal Councilors shall have the opportunity for discussion regarding the candidate of their choice.

7. Each Tribal Councilor shall circle not more than one name on the ballot and place it in a container provided by the Recording Secretary, who will tally the ballots.

8. Tribal Council members shall also vote in accordance with Constitutional Article XII Section (I) Nepotism.

9. The three (3) top vote getters will require another vote to determine the person selected by a majority vote of Tribal Council.

10. A tie shall require runoff elections until a winner is selected.

11. All Tribal Councilors shall have the opportunity to view the ballots.

12. A financial disclosure by the Candidate shall be provided in accordance with Waganakising Odawak Statute 2006-023 Financial Disclosure by Tribal Officials, Section VII A.

13. The appointed person's name shall be given to the Tribal Police for a lien check.

14. The newly appointed Tribal Councilor shall receive the Oath of Office administered by a member of the judiciary at the next regularly scheduled Tribal Council meeting and shall then assume the Constitutional duties of the position for which they were appointed provided that the person meet the qualifications of the Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Constitution Article VII (H).